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Convention Marked By High Hours



New officers of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, elected last week, are from left: Rev. John McDonald, Jackson, second vice-president; Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, Brookhaven, first vice-president; Claude Townsend, Florence, president, (re-elected); Paul Adams, Starkville, recording secretary, (re-elected); Horace Kerr, Jackson, assistant recording secretary, (re-elected).

SBC Mounting Intense Church-Extension Drive

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist agencies are consolidating forces for a two-year push that may utilize up to \$25 million to start new churches in 500 carefully-defined strategic locations.

Tagged "Project 500," the drive involves virtually all denominational agencies and will draw lay volunteers and funds from strong "helper" churches to initiate the new work.

The project will concentrate on such strategic locations as capitals, port cities, transportation and business hubs, and educational centers in areas of the nation entered since 1940 by Southern Baptists, which means primarily the Northeast and parts of the West and Midwest.

More than \$2 million in anticipated 1968 and 1969 Annie Armstrong (home mission) offering receipts plus specially allocated funds in the Home Mission Board budgets will be earmarked for the project.

About \$12 million in anticipated church loan funds and

money generated by the new congregations will add up eventually to an anticipated \$25 million.

The SBC Brotherhood Commission and the Woman's Missionary Union will major on the campaign, and Sunday School will be aimed at generating concern and support.

The Home Mission Board's Christian Service Corps will be used to recruit both long-term and short-term lay volunteers to aid the fledgling "Project 500" congregations.

From 1964-66, the net gain in churches was reported as 262, 406 and 152 annually, respectively. Aside from the mathematics of churches consolidating and closing, most of the increases can be accounted for as new churches (which normally sprout up where a handful of Baptist families exist).

"Project 500," however, will examine factors such as geography, political influence, communications and transportation, population patterns

and strengths of existing Christian witness to determine the most strategic locations.

"We expect 'Project 500' to be above and beyond normal growth," said Loyd Corder of the Home Mission Board, who will oversee the project.

"The normal growth that

LBJ Issues Proclamation For Thanksgiving Day

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Lyndon B. Johnson's Thanksgiving proclamation calls on American citizens to pray for "wisdom and perseverance" that will lead the nation to both "peace and justice" at home and abroad.

Citing the conflict in Vietnam and civil strife at home, the President compared the present situation with the problems faced a century ago by President Lincoln.

He quoted from a Thanksgiving proclamation of Lincoln who, President Johnson said, faced with equal emphasis, both the blessings and sorrows of the people. He used Lincoln's admonition to the people in 1863, urging prayers for those who have suffered in the current conflicts.

The 1863 petition of Lincoln, quoted by Johnson recommends that, "While offering up the ascriptions justly due to him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged."

Referring to the war in Vietnam as one "in which we are involved in fidelity to a sacred promise," the President called for prayers that the sacrifice of our men "will be redeemed in an honorable peace and the restoration of a land long torn by war."

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The 132nd session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, held in Jackson Nov. 14-16, was marked by a spirit of harmony and several high inspirational hours featured by outstanding addresses.

The Convention adopted a record high Cooperative Program budget of \$3,800,000 for 1967-68, adopted two resolutions, expanded its Convention Board to 100 members and voted to receive the report of its Long Range Committee on Christian Education but without authorizing its implementation.

Baptist young people, along with adult leaders, from every section of the state, overflowed the 11,000-capacity Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson for the annual Youth Night.

Convention leaders declared that this was the largest attendance in the history of the Youth Night services in the giant Coliseum.

About one hundred young people went forward at the close of the service committing their lives to Jesus Christ following a stirring message by Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

Claude Townsend, layman, of Florence, was re-elected as president for another year.

Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, was elected as first vice-president, with Rev. John McDonald, pastor of Robinson Street Baptist Church, Jackson, elected as second vice-president.

Paul Adams, Starkville, was re-elected as recording secretary with Horace Kerr, Jackson, re-elected as assistant recording secretary.

Rev. James Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland, was named to preach the convention sermon next year with Dr. Wm. G. Tanner, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, selected as alternate.

The Convention voted to meet again next year at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, with the dates to be Nov. 12-14.

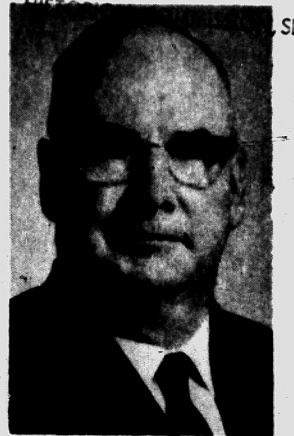
The report of the Long Range Committee on Christian Education, hailed in advance as the most important matter to go before the body, was read by Dr. Donald Roark, Yazoo City layman, chairman of the "blue ribbon" committee of 12 named two years ago.

Substitute Voted
Dr. Roark moved that the

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Dr. Harry Lee Spencer
Outgoing



Rev. Carey Cox
Incoming

New Agency Leader Named

Rev. Carey Cox, pastor of First Baptist Church of Brandon, has been elected as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, effective January 1, 1968, succeeding Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, according to Don Baker, Leland, chairman of the Foundation trustees.

Mr. Cox has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Brandon for 15 years, coming to that post from the pastorate

of the First Baptist Church, West Point.

The Baptist Foundation is an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention created in 1943 for the purpose of raising and administering endowment and other trust funds of Mississippi and Southern Baptist institutions, boards, commissions and agencies.

The current report of the Foundation shows a total endowment and trust funds as \$2,723,895.

Dr. Spencer has been executive secretary of the Foundation since 1950, at which time the assets totaled \$636,000, compared to \$2,723,895 today.

The Foundation's income the past fiscal year totaled \$145,934.24.

Mr. Cox, a native of Georgia, is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and attended Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He has been active in denominational affairs, having served as president of the State Convention Board as well as a member of the trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital and William Carey College, Hattiesburg.

He was a member of the trustees of the Foundation at the time of his election as executive secretary.

Mrs. Cox is the former Annette Brown of Jackson. They have three children, two sons and one daughter.

Dialogue With Students Being Held By SBC

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention program leaders are beginning a year of denominational dialogues that are giving college students a chance to "talk back" about their convention.

After the first series of dialogues on three Texas campuses last month, the effort seems headed for success.

The purpose of the program, according to R. H. Falwell Jr., of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here is to "help guide Southern Baptists in more effective planning."

Falwell, program director of the Board's student department said the method of the dialogues is for the leaders to suggestions of the students, then attempt to relate the denomination's interests to them.

"Information received from reaction and suggestions for future Baptist work will be shared with Southern Baptist and state convention leaders," Falwell said.

Falwell said some very definite reactions were noticed at the first series of conferences.

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STATE ROUND-UP

Arkansas Plans Study On Education

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — The Arkansas Baptist State Convention here voted to conduct a two-year study of the convention's higher education similar to the recent Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) on the Southern Baptist Convention level.

The study would be designed to determine the purpose and objectives of the two Baptist colleges in Arkansas with a view to determining what contributions these schools are making to the needs and objectives of the state convention.

Although most of the convention, according to veteran convention observers, was "devoid of controversy," debate erupted one afternoon on an oft-questioned practice in some Arkansas Baptist churches—alien immersion.

A resolution was offered by convention parliamentarian Carl Overton of Hamburg, Ark., proposing that "policies and constitutional interpretation of the former (previous)

conventions be added as appendages to the convention constitution and bylaws."

After lengthy discussion, the resolution was adopted by the convention.

Overton, superintendent of missions for the Ashley County Baptist Association, said the purpose of his resolution was to bring a showdown at the next session of the convention on the question of seating messengers from churches which practice alien immersion (accepting members into Baptist churches from other denominations without re-baptism).

Earlier, messengers from the First Baptist Church of Russellville, Ark., which two years ago was barred from the convention because the church practices "alien immersion," had been seated at the convention without challenge.

In other actions, the convention adopted a budget of \$2,466,267 for 1968 which will allocate \$621,000 to Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes.

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More than 11,000 people, from every section of the state, overflowed the Mississippi Coliseum for the annual Youth Night session of the State Convention last Thursday night. Officials said this was the largest youth night on record.

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

High Hours At Convention

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report be received, adopted and implemented by the Convention's Education Commission, with cooperation of the colleges.

A brief period of debate ensued and then the body adopted the substitute motion to simply "receive" the report and suggest that the schools and the Education Commission study and use the report for whatever good they can get from it.

The Long Range Committee made its report with the frank declaration that "Mississippi Baptists cannot hope to continue their four colleges even on the basis of present quality unless they increase the present schedule of financial support."

The report dealt with various aspects of the colleges' operations and closed with a series of recommendations.

Some of the alternatives to the provision of adequate support for the colleges were listed in the report.

LBJ Issues - - -

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The President also urged the people, in their Thanksgiving petitions, to express gratitude for the "tremendous advances" which have been made "in social justice and in equality of opportunity regardless of racial background" in this generation.

"But we are saddened," the Thanksgiving message continued, "by the civil strife which has occurred in our great cities." The proclamation calls on fellow citizens to "join their thankfulness with penitence and humility."

"Let us implore Almighty God that, to all our other blessings, he may add the blessings of wisdom and perseverance that will lead us to both peace and justice, in the family of nations and in our beloved homeland," the President concluded.

Moore Is Named - -

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will preside over the insurance company's quarterly meetings.

Ministers Life and Casualty Union provides life and health insurance for clergymen and their families, as well as for others in church-related vocations. It is a mutual company.

Moore, a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton and Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, heads the Southern Baptist Convention's programs of Cooperative Program promotion, stewardship development, and endowment and capital giving.

The newly adopted Cooperative Program budget of \$3,800,000 is \$330,000 higher than the past year's budget outlay of \$3,470,000.

It will be divided three ways, \$1,254,000 for Southern Baptist Convention causes, \$2,107,000 for State causes and \$439,000 for capital needs.

The two resolutions adopted both put the Convention on record as opposing the opening of the Mississippi State Fair this year on Sunday.

One resolution was presented which declared that recent articles in Home Missions Magazine, especially one on sex, "cast reflections on the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures."

This one was not adopted, however, because "Christian social ministries is an adopted ministry of the Board" and because the resolution overlooked the author's conclusion which "... put sex back into its spiritual context."

Another resolution was presented which stated that the sales tax now being levied against churches "is an infringement upon the principle of separation of church and state."

Board Enlarged

The Convention voted to refer this one to the Convention Board and Christian Action Commission for further study and possible follow-up action because it needed "more depth study."

The Convention adopted the report of its Committee on Nominations which included a Convention Board of 100 members, instead of the 77 members as previously constituted.

This was done as a result of a change in the Constitution, voted last year, authorizing the greatly enlarged Board.

Previously the Convention Board was composed of 77 men, one from each of the 77 associations in the state.

The new Board will be composed of the 77 as previously

plus 23 who will be known as at-large members.

According to custom the 77 members are nominated by the associations but elected by the Convention. The 23 at-large members are nominated by the Convention's Committee on Nominations.

These members, as elected this year, will come from the following associations, generally recognized as more-populous areas:

Hinds 2, Lauderdale 2, Gulf Coast 2, Washington 2, Jackson 2, Jones 1, Lowndes 1, Lebanon 1, Calhoun 1, Pontotoc 1, Lee 1, Rankin 1, Marion 1, Pearl River 1, Pike 1, Copiah 1, Union County 1, Simpson 1.

The Convention authorized the Convention Board through its Executive Committee to borrow up to \$200,000 for construction and furnishing of a Baptist Student Center on property now owned by the Convention Board adjacent to University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, and to pledge said property to secure loan, with loan to be repaid from allocation for Baptist Student Centers under the capital needs program of the Convention.

Dr. J. D. Grey Recovering After Surgery

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, and widely known in Mississippi, underwent surgery on November 3, and is now recovering satisfactorily. According to the church bulletin he hopes to return to his pulpit on Sunday, November 25.

Writing in the bulletin, Dr. Grey said, "Looking up at the doctors and nurses working over me, and faintly hearing their voices, realized my life was in their hands. My recently developed gastric ulcer was bleeding profusely. There I lay in the Emergency Section of Ochsner Foundation Hospital, entering a thirty-six hour period when I was to wait in the ante-room of death. A team of eminent medical men... gave this evaluation."

Twelve pints of blood were given Dr. Grey, in the period prior to and after the surgery.

Friends everywhere will thank God that Dr. Grey is now rapidly recovering. Many may want to write him at P. O. Box 5125, New Orleans, La.



Claude Townsend, Florence, Convention president, welcomes three leaders to the meeting Tuesday morning. From left: Mr. Townsend; Rev. J. R. Davis, Batesville; Rev. Leroy Smith, Bozeman, Montana; and Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, Hattiesburg.

SBC Mounting Intensive Drive

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occurs when neighborhoods are in need of a church, or when enough Baptists are together to merit a new work, should continue. What "Project 500" will do is strengthen Baptist witness at the most strategic locations in terms of long-range influence and church growth development.

In short, "Project 500" will lay the foundations for a generation of church growth in the newer areas of Baptist work.

The Home Mission Board's program of establishing new churches and church-type missions, under the direction of Corder, already has selected about 300 of the "Project 500" locations, using a process of elimination system that begins with local area missionaries.

A diverse pattern has developed, ranging from downtown locations to populous suburban communities. The locations also are covering a range of economic and racial makeup.

Pullman, Wash., Chosen Pullman, Wash., is one of the sites selected. It is a town of slightly more than 20,000, and home for Washington State University, which has 335 foreign students enrolled among more than 10,000 students.

Also, just a few miles across the border in Moscow, Idaho is the University of Idaho. Pullman also is a farming and ranching community in a farming and ranching region of the state.

In the Northeast, Worcester, Mass., and New Haven, Conn., serve as prime examples.

The Worcester work is underway in that metropolitan area of 600,000. The city is a financial and industrial center and is home for three colleges: Becker College, Worcester Junior College and Clark University.

The mission that is underway is in an inner-city community, and the presence of ethnic groups such as Canadians, Irishmen, Italians, Russians and Swedes constitutes the need for a diverse language ministry.

Worcester is the second largest city in Massachusetts. New Haven, home of Yale University and Southern Connecticut State College, has a population of 278,000 and is a manufacturing and merchandising center.

A detailed community study form has been prepared for local missionaries to fill out on recommended locations, which considers population breakdowns by ethnic origin, language and religious affiliation. It also determines the economy and influence of the community itself and details the needs for a Baptist witness.

The system for choosing the

locations allows for about 1,100 recommendations from the field. State mission executives and the Home Mission Board will pare down the recommendations to total about 500 of the most strategic locations.

Sponsoring churches will be enlisted near the "Project 500" locations to serve as coordinating agents between the local congregations and the associations, state conventions and Home Mission Board.

The sponsor churches also will provide counsel and guidance through their mission committees as well as resources such as manpower and finances.

"Helper" churches from more distant areas will enlist volunteers who will be willing to donate vacation time or more extended periods to go to the "Project 500" locations as Christian Service Corp workers.

Student Dialogues

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held at North Texas State University in Denton, Tex., Southern Baptist University in Fort Worth, Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

More reactions will come from three other denominational dialogues, each held at several colleges near Southern Baptist-owned seminaries. Dialogue sessions are scheduled in the New Orleans area in January; in the San Francisco area in March; and in the Wake Forest, N. C., area in April.

At the Texas college dialogue sessions, most of the suggestions urged church programs that deal with current issues and life problems, said Falwell.

The students also called for

an earlier introduction of real theology and current issues in Sunday School and Training Union organizations. Many of them felt their spiritual preparation for college was inadequate.

"We weren't prepared for college-level thinking," they said. "When we were challenged by other beliefs, or by those who had no beliefs, we felt at a loss. We didn't have the background to be competent witness on campus."

Their reaction was that their church teachers should be better trained so they could adequately prepare their students for life.

"Most of us don't know what 'Baptist' means," said one student. "We need to know what Baptists stand for."

Conventions Meet In Other States Across The Nation

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Colorado Resolves On War And Peace

DENVER, Col. (BP) — A resolution pleading for an "end to this tragic war (Vietnam) in accord with principles of honor, decency and righteousness" was adopted by the Colorado Baptist General Convention here.

The resolution urged Baptists and Christians to do all they could to bring about an end to the war in Vietnam, and to "take the gospel of peace to the peoples of Asia."

It acknowledged "that our country is involved in a military struggle in Vietnam with men for whom Christ died being killed by instruments of warfare," and that Christians are admonished to pray for all men, including their enemies.

The convention resolved to pray for President Lyndon B. Johnson, the leaders of all nations, and for the fighting men and their families.

Another resolution on race rioting pledged support for the system of law enforcement in the United States "as they seek to administer justice and maintain law and order."

The resolution, however, affirmed the right to political dissent and the necessity of open debate on matters of na-

tional policy, and acknowledged "that much of the social turmoil is due to gross inequities and indifference within our society."

"We should be slow to pronounce judgment," said the resolution, "where we have done little or nothing to rectify the underlying causes of the malcontent."

Alaska Holds Meet Flood Postponed

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP) — The Alaska Baptist Convention, which attempted to meet in Fairbanks in August but was postponed because of the devastating floods there, met here three months later to conduct its annual business sessions.

In a report to the convention, Executive Secretary E. W. Hunke Jr., said that in excess of \$7,000 in relief funds for the flood-stricken Fairbanks area have been received by the convention.

A state-wide budget of \$223,936, an increase of 15 per cent over the previous budget, was adopted by the convention, allocating 28 1/2 per cent of undesignated receipts to Southern Baptist World mission causes.

The new budget also makes provision for employment of a state missions secretary in the convention offices here, and a salary increase for field

missionaries working among the state's native peoples.

Newly-elected president of the convention is Edward E. Wolfe, pastor of Faith Baptist Church of Spenard, Alaska. He is a native of Missouri and Alaska.

A resolution was adopted opposing the issuance of a liquor license by the Alaska Beverage Control Board to a restaurant located near the Muldoon Baptist Church in Anchorage. The pastor of the church, V. A. Chron, has led a vigorous protest against the granting of the license, claiming that the board did not have a majority of the residents' approval as required by law.

Oregon And Washington Hold Meeting

TACOMA, Washington (BP) — A recommendation that the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington discontinue its program of child care ministries was referred by the state convention to its Executive Board for action.

Trustees of the Baile Memorial Boys Ranch made the recommendation that the convention withdraw from the field of child care and dispose of the boy's ranch property "in a way that will be satisfactory to all."

But a motion from the convention floor referred the proposal to the convention Executive Board asking them in joint effort with the boy's ranch trustees "to determine and execute such courses of action that will enable the convention to fulfill honorably its responsibility."

In other major actions, the convention adopted a record budget of \$430,000 including a state Cooperative Program goal of \$270,000. It increased the percentage going to Southern Baptist Convention causes from 19 to 20 per cent.

Ohio Warns Against Merger

AKRON, Ohio (BP) — A resolution warning that the "ecumenical urge to merge" might tempt some Baptists into compromising conformity was adopted here by the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio during their annual session.

The resolution stated that the ecumenical urge to merge is prevalent and popular in both liberal ecumenicity and in evangelical alliance, and warned that "many are tempted into compromising conformity."

Although the resolution did not specifically state that Baptists should avoid the ecumenical movement, it implied such, depending on in-

terpretation. The brief resolution concluded by saying:

"Therefore, be it resolved that the messengers to this convention declare themselves as committed unequivocally to the practice of New Testament principles traditionally and historically adhered to by the God-blessed people called Baptists."

Another resolution adopted by the convention called upon every church and association in the Ohio fellowship to commit themselves to total involvement in the Crusade of the Americas.

In major business action, the convention adopted a 1968 budget of \$1,108,019, allocating 33 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes.

Missouri Avoids "Stormy" Session

ST. LOUIS, MO. (BP) — The Missouri Baptist Convention meeting here in annual session had one stormy session, but not from a convention controversy.

Tornado warning sirens wailed during the first convention sessions, and the convention messengers were forced to evacuate the church where it was meeting. Fortunately, the four tornadoes which hit St. Louis missed the area of the church. Resounding applause fol-

lowed an address by G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College (Baptist) in Pineville, La., who declared that "Baptist colleges cannot accept federal aid if we are to adhere to the concept of full religious liberty for all men."

Saying religious liberty goes far beyond the political device of separation of church and state, Guinn observed that Baptists have always insisted that it is the principle of voluntarism that makes religion moral.

"To compel or to coerce him (man) through taxation to support any religious system is morally wrong," Guinn declared. "Baptist colleges are Christian and this makes them religious in nature."

In major business action, the convention adopted a 1968 budget of \$3.6 million, an increase of \$178,000 over last year's Cooperative Program gifts in the state. Of the total budget, 35 per cent would go to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

A recommendation was also adopted asking that Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee to consider permitting the Cooperative Program to function 12 months a year "in the interest of all our agencies," rather than adopting a set goal and dividing all funds received over this goal between home and foreign missions in

what it calls "the advance section" of the Cooperative Program.

For the first time, the Missouri convention adopted statewide goals for special offerings for home and foreign missions, setting them far higher than the amounts received last year.

The final 1968 budget will be \$533,053, passing the half million dollar mark for the first time. The state Cooperative Program goal is \$329,000 with the remainder coming from Southern Baptist agencies and other designated sources.

The new budget designated 27.4 per cent of the state Cooperative Program gift for SBC mission causes.

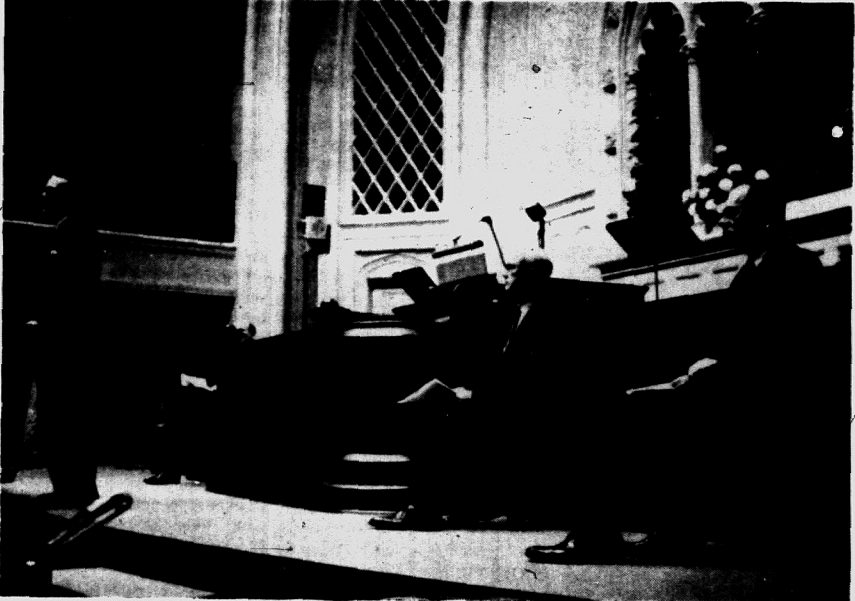
Indiana Approves Americas Crusade

NEW ALBANY, Ind. (BP) — The Crusade of the Americas dominated the messages and business sessions of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana meeting here.

The messengers amended the proposed budget to move \$20,000 designated for Crusade preparations from an "advance section" to the basic budget. The convention's Executive Board had recommended that the Crusade be "an over and above" item after the state Cooperative Program goal was met.



Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, is seen preaching at Youth Night session of convention in Mississippi Coliseum.



One of the features of the Wednesday night session was a missionary panel, from left: Rev. Hal Lee, France; Dr. W. L. Cooper, South America; and Rev. James Foster, the Philippines.



The Hinds County Quartet sang at the Baptist Men's Conference Monday evening and during the convention. From left: Jimmy Jones, Charles Muller, Tom Larrimore and Cecil Harper, all of Jackson.



Three pastors enjoy moment of fellowship between sessions. From left: Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus; Dr. Lucius Marion, Clarksdale and Rev. Bob Calvert, Ashland.



Rev. Anis Sherrosh, of Mobile, Ala., former pastor of First Baptist Church, Jerusalem, Jordan, and now a Baptist evangelist, examines a record album made by the deceased son of Rev. Olyn Roberts, Petal, who holds the album. Rev. Dolan McArthur, Pine View Church, Jackson, Association, (2nd from left) and Robert Dunn, also of Pine View Church, look on.



Dr. Donald Roark, Yazoo City, chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, presents report of group.



Dr. Bill Causey, Jackson, chairman of committee on nominations, presents report to body.



Rev. Neal Bowman, pastor of Safford Church, receives tracts in tract display at convention from Mrs. Betty Henderson, attendant.

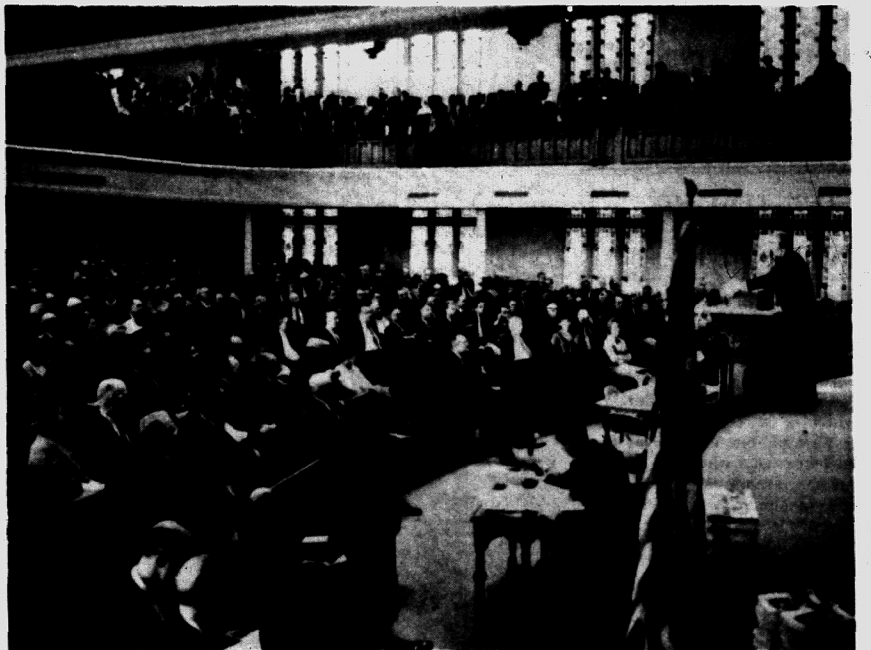


Photo of the late Rev. J. L. Boyd, for many years executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, was on display in Booth of Commission.

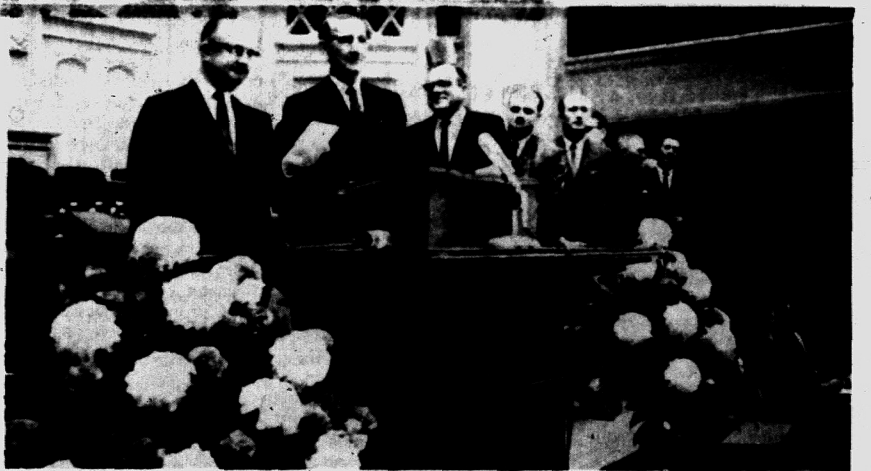


Dr. William Lewis Nobles, of Oxford, president-elect of Mississippi College, left, is seen with Dr. R. A. McLemore, president of the college, who will retire next year.

Baptists Meet In Jackson



The convention is seen in session on Thursday afternoon, hearing Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, host pastor, and chairman of the Building Committee, make a report on memorial gifts to the new building.



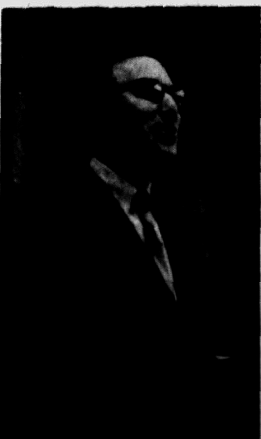
Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, introduces the new workers in the state during opening Tuesday morning session.



Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of Baptist Bookstore, Jackson, helps Rev. William Weddell, of Pittsboro, in the purchase of a book.



Rev. N. F. Davis, Mendenhall, delivers Convention sermon Tuesday morning.



Dr. Kenneth Chafin, associate professor of evangelism, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., brings message to body.



W. M. COLE, member of First Church, Canton, age 88, present at last week's session, has not missed a meeting since the convention met in Philadelphia in 1937.



Dr. Leslie Wright, president of Samford University, Birmingham, speaks on Christian education.

The Revival Convention

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gospel witness to the world.

A spirit of unity prevailed throughout the sessions, showing that Mississippi Baptists are united in their support of the program they have set for their convention and their churches.

Christian Education

The convention's most serious problem, Christian education, was not solved, but under the leadership of the Long Range Committee on Christian Education, the messengers did take a serious look at the problems confronting them, so that now they can know just what those problems are, and what must be done about them.

It was made very clear by the committee that more money must be found if Mississippi Baptist educational institutions are to stay competitive in today's educational field. The convention was told that it cannot expect to maintain its present educational program, without providing much more money to support it.

The report did not offer final solutions for the problems, but did present some positive suggestions for beginning to meet some of the difficulties the institutions

are facing right now.

The special committee made no recommendations relative to federal funds, the chairman stating that since the convention had spoken clearly on this last year, the committee did not deem it necessary to deal with it.

The report did say, however, that the acceptance of federal funds by other educational institutions, indirectly affects those institutions which do not accept them, as they seek to compete in the educational field.

The report named some alternatives which must be faced if adequate financing is not provided for the institutions.

Report "Received"

The report was not adopted, but was "received" by the convention and the findings passed on to the Education Commission, and to the trustees and administrators of the institutions for study and use insofar as feasible.

The problems demand solution, however, and the day fast approaches when changes will have to be made, if much more money is not found for the schools. Since Cooperative Program receipts are growing at a rate of less than 10% per year, and since the amount of money needed for the institutions is far larger than that, it is evident that the required funds cannot be provided by the convention budget alone. Will designated support, and funds from other private sources, be sufficient to meet the needs? If they are not, what can be done? This convention looked at the alternatives, but delayed final action for some future date.

Impressions

Taking a backward look at the week, one finds that his strongest impressions still relate to the mes-

sages and the revival spirit. He cannot forget the impassioned plea for concern for lost men by Montana missionary, Leroy Smith, or the heart searching challenges for Christian witness by Dr. Kenneth Chafin of Louisville Seminary, Dr. David Byrd of Jackson, Tennessee or Dr. C. E. Autrey of Atlanta.

He remembers SBC president, Franklin Paschall of Nashville, as he depicted world conditions so vividly, and presented the Christian message as the answer to them.

He hears again Dr. Leslie Wright, president of Samford University in Birmingham, as he says that Baptists must stay in the field of Christian education, providing a distinctive program of education for modern youth.

He feels the spiritual power of Dr. W. A. Criswell as he spoke twice, first in the afternoon on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit," and then in the evening, to the youth of the state, on "Youth and God."

It was a good convention. We have not seen the report of enrollment of messengers, but presume that it was not as large as some years have seen. Attendance at the sessions was consistent, however, with most of the messengers staying through to the end. The attendance at the Thursday night rally was the highest on record.

Those who did stay through the convention, attending session after session, surely felt the impact that it made, and returned to their churches with a spirit of revival warming their hearts, with a better understanding of the program of Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists, with thanksgiving to God for His blessings on that work, and with a determination to support, in a larger way than ever before, the Christian witness now being given by these Baptists.



Education Commission, SBC

"Opportunity" Bank

A report recommending establishment by the Federal Government of an Educational Opportunity Bank was recently released for public discussion by the Panel on Educational Innovation, which advises the Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, the U. S. Commissioner of Education, and the Director of the National Science Foundation.

The bank would lend money to any undergraduate college or other postsecondary student for financing his education in return for an agreement to pay a small percentage of his income for 30 or 40 years after graduation.

A student would be able to borrow enough money to cover his tuition, costs, and subsistence at whatever college, university or other postsecondary institution he attends. At the time a loan is granted, the student would pledge a percentage of his future income for a fixed number of years — probably 30 or 40 — after graduation.

Preliminary estimates are that the bank could be self-sustaining if it charged borrowers 1 percent of gross income over 30 years for each \$3,000 borrowed. Thus, for example, a student who borrowed \$2,000 a year for four years of college for a total of \$8,000 and earned \$10,000 in some subsequent year would pay \$268 that year, or \$22 a month. The borrower would have the option at any time of withdrawing from the plan by paying, in a lump sum, the amount borrowed, plus interest compounded at 6 percent, with credit for payments made earlier.

The Panel believes the bank would offer the individual several advantages over present loan plans.

* No borrower would have to worry about a loan he could not repay for some unforeseen reason. His obligation is not to repay the loan, but to pay a percentage of his income for the specified period.

* The student would be able, if necessary, to finance the full cost to him of four years of postsecondary education at any school he is admitted to (existing loan plans have a four-year maximum of \$5,000, while costs to the student may run as high as \$15,000 for four years).

* Availability of loans would not be directly affected by the state of the money market.

In addition, the Panel believes the bank would:

* Help both public and private institutions to improve the quality of education by charging tuition closer to the full cost. This could be accomplished with no government involvement in the affairs of the institution.

* Increase the number of college students from low-income families.

* Enable every student to go to an institution suited to his need and ability, regardless of his financial situation.

* Increase the student's responsibility for his education and hence increase his interest in making good use of his time in post-secondary education.

The earliest copy of Associational Minutes in your Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission Library is a copy of the Miss. Baptist Association in 1819.

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LIFE UNDER PRESSURE

By Dr. W. Morris Ford

No individual can stand too much pressure, physically or emotionally. A diver going too deep suffers the "bends" which is not only an extremely painful, but even fatal experience. One who lives under severe emotional pressures and tensions will, unless relieved, "crack up."

However, there needs to be some pressure. The men who rise many miles above the earth must be in pressurized vehicles or protective suits. The "space walk" while exciting and interesting to experience or observe, is abnormal and undesirable. The Lord has provided the proper physical pressure for man just where he is—on terra firma.

Emotionally, too, no one should be exempt from pressure. It is abnormal to live without responsibility. Striking a happy medium is difficult, I know. The greatest danger lies in the sudden change from one to the other—that is, from happy-go-lucky irresponsibility to the heavy pressures of life in a state of emergency. And life can be like that.

Visit with me for a moment a canal lock. One stands below and looks at a great gaping cave of dark timbers. Tremendous gates are pressed shut. Here and there water trickles through the cracks and crevices. Into the dark cavern a ship moves slowly, coming to rest with its prow close to the gates. Two more gates close behind the vessel. Now tons of water begin to pour into the great interior lifting the heavy ship slowly but surely—up, up, up, until the water level is even with that of the upper stream. Because the pressure has changed from one set of gates to the other, the ship is able to ride out of the locks and on up stream. Of course, the trip down will use the reverse procedure.

The application is simple. Life's pressures can be so great as to seem beyond human endurance. The great wall of pressure-packed problems presses against the gates completely barring the way. But wait! There is a way. God is able to let the life-giving flow of his love, mercy, and grace lift our little vessels up, up, until the seemingly impregnable gates swing open.

The cross-less life is the one that avoids and evades pressures, thus, missing the joys of God's wonderful infilling. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Lynn (Sunflower) Baptist Church originally located at Shufordville was the first Baptist Church to be organized in the Mississippi Delta.



Prayer Request From Africa

Dear Loved Ones across the Miles...

It seems so much has happened since many of you have heard from us, until I hardly know where to start! Let me first tell you that I'm alone for the first time in 22 years! It became necessary for me to leave home in early June due to the crisis, in the country, and I went to Oshogbo, to be near Nan and David. A week after they were out of School, the three of us saw we had to "get busy" quickly so

Missionary Cautions About Fund-Raiser

A man from Trinidad, claiming to be a Southern Baptist evangelist or pretending a relationship with Southern Baptist work on the island, has found entrance into some Southern Baptist churches and has reportedly received monetary gifts for a children's home.

Anyone approached by such an individual should contact the Foreign Mission Board before giving him funds or engaging him as a speaker for a church group.

A Southern Baptist missionary in Trinidad says this man is hurting the mission work in Trinidad, and a Baptist deacon in the States says there "has been nothing but confusion" since he preached in a series of meetings in his church in July.

The man is not a Southern Baptist and is not related to Southern Baptist work in Trinidad. He has been affiliated, at least in background, with another denomination, but he is no longer associated with it. The missionary says he does have an orphanage which is nearly complete. It has been built from money secured by his work in the States.

our minds wouldn't wander, and, too, we convinced ourselves the Lord could still make us of our services if WE would permit Him to work through us. As a result of our anxious efforts and desires, we moved here June 17 where I'm serving as hostess of our Nursing Home and each afternoon I serve as campus nurse for our theological Seminary. How we have felt your prayers! Every need has been supplied!

It has been two months since we saw Ralph and weeks since any word has come from him. We do covet your prayers. He hopes we can see each other Christmas and if it is God's will, it certainly will be OUR will! This can be your special object of prayer for us! Please, pray for our Christians! May God have mercy on us!

The Children have done well in School, but have been anxious to go "home" to their things. There have been small illnesses for the three of us, but God has been our constant Friend and Helper!

I do not have my address book, so please forgive me for being so long in thinking of individuals and their addresses.

Thank you for your love and concern, and will you remain faithful in the days ahead?

Joyce, Ralph, Nan and David Davis; Baptist Medical Centre, P. O. Box 15, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, West Africa.

Financier Heads Hospital Drive For \$5 1/2 Million

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—Edward Ball, Florida financier and philanthropist, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of a \$5,500,000 fund raising effort by Baptist Memorial Hospital here.

The fund drive is part of the initial phase of a \$27,000,000 development and expansion program for the hospital.

Our present Baptist Building was dedicated for service on November 13, 1945.

Newest In Books

BRO. BLOTZ THE BUILDER by Doug Dillard (Broadman, paperback, \$1.00)

Doug Dillard has prepared another book of hilarious cartoons on the adventures of Bro. Blotz, the pastor. This time, Mr. Dillard (who is minister of education at First Church, Oak Cliff, Dallas, Texas) has Bro. Blotz and his minister of education, Bro. Ed, and a faithful layman, Bro. Hood, all deeply involved in a building campaign. They look over this overcrowded building and "talk up" a new one. They stage a fund-raising campaign, erect the building, and then find all the "obvious" mistakes in planning! Those readers who have gone through church building programs will identify with the many problems involved, and will laugh heartily through every page of this book!

CHRISTY by Catherine Marshall (McGraw-Hill, 496 pp., \$6.95)

Catherine Marshall is the author of three great best-sellers, *A MAN CALLED PETER*, *TO LIVE AGAIN*, and *BEYOND OURSELVES*. These include several collections of sermons and prayers by her late husband, Peter Marshall. (She is now married to Leonard LeSourd, editor of *Guideposts*.) This new novel is a fictionalized account of a young schoolteacher in the Smoky Mountains in 1912. The heroine, in real life, was Catherine Marshall's mother. True to the author's usual style, this is a magnificent novel. The young Christy, who learned to love the poverty-stricken, uneducated mountaineers, was searching for life's answers. She was searching for assurance that God is real, and she found that "where there is hunger, there is bread." Cutter Gap, Tennessee "embraced within the borders of one small kingdom a sampling of the lacerations of the whole world." Here is a powerfully moving book of great depth with real answers to man's deepest

needs, and a joyful reading experience from the first page to the last.

BAKER'S DICTIONARY OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY Edited by Ralph G. Turnbull (Baker, 469 pp., \$8.95)

A most valuable source book for ministers and students for the ministry. It deals with the practical matters which every minister must know and do. Consider the divisions: Preaching, Homiletics, Hermeneutics, Evangelism—Mission, Counseling, Administration, Pastoral, Stewardship, Worship and Education. More than eighty outstanding pastors, theologians and denominational leaders, from many denominations have written out of vast knowledge and broad experience on the many facets of the numerous subjects. Several Southern Baptists are among them. Every article carries a bibliography of the best books on the writer's subject. The student for the ministry and the busy pastor already in the field, both will be blessed and enriched by the world of material in this book, and it is a volume which will be referred to often in the midst of a busy Christian ministry.

HUDSON TAYLOR AND MARIA, PIONEERS IN CHINA by John C. Pollock (Zondervan, paperback, 207 pp., \$1.95)

Hudson Taylor is one of the most memorable of Christianity's heroes, the founder of the world-famous China Inland Mission. Here is the story of his love for the heroic Maria Dyer, and of the missionary work of both Hudson and Maria, "in old Imperial China, that lost world of pig-tails and mandarins and dragon-roofed temples." This is a reprint from the 1962 edition.

CREATIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING by Warren W. Wiersbe (Fleming H. Revell, 127 pp., \$2.95)

This author carefully pre-

sents the three basic tools that the Holy Spirit uses to accomplish His work in the Christian's life—the Word of God, prayer, and circumstances.

PARENTS ON TRIAL by David Wilkerson (Hawthorn Books, Inc., 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, 188 pp., \$4.95)

Shocked into action by the funeral of a teen-age boy whose life was ended by a policeman's bullet, Rev. David Wilkerson set out to discover the truth about widespread delinquency. He writes that a child's life is really determined by just how hard his mother and father work at being parents. He says that parental neglect, disinterest, and erratic discipline can destroy a child as surely as the vices to which they drive him. Mr. Wilkerson is convinced that whether kids go wrong—or right—depends largely on a background of family love and faith in God.

GOD IN MY DAY by Glenn H. Asquith (Abingdon, 159 pp., \$2.95)

Fifty-two meditations to live by, written by the executive director of the Division of Christian Publications of the American Baptist Convention. Part I deals with the events of the day common to all, and Part II deals with situations that do not happen every day.

MOODY by John Pollock (Zondervan, 336 pp., paperback, \$1.95)

This is a carefully researched biographical portrait of Dwight L. Moody, the great lay evangelist who lived from 1837 to 1890, and who has been called the "pacesetter in modern mass evangelism." This paperback edition is a reprint from the first edition put out 1963 by The Macmillan Company.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

November 27—James Terpo, Panola associational supt. of missions; W. C. Gann, Prentiss-Tishomingo supt. of missions.

November 28—Wilma J. Harris, Baptist Book Store; Mrs. Winnie Dillmore, staff, Children's Village.

November 29—Mrs. Frances Winters, faculty, Carey College; James Travis, faculty Blue Mountain College.

November 30—Mrs. Dorothy Bell, medical-surgical instructor, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Mrs. E. E. Chance, Clarke College faculty.

December 1—Jack Roberts, Baptist Building; N. F. Greer, Baptist headquarters.

December 2—Tommy Leach, Baptist student director, Northwest Miss. Junior College; Mary Ann Baird, faculty, Mississippi College.

December 3—Opal Young, Carey College faculty; Mrs. Dorothy Brown, secretary-registrar, Gilfoy School of Nursing.



AND I WANT TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE NAME OF... OF MY GOOD FRIEND... NOW WHAT'S HIS NAME?!!

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Dr. Claude H. Rhea, of the Foreign Mission Board, leads music during Youth Night session in Mississippi Coliseum.



Rev. Jerry St. John, associate in Cooperative Missions Department, joins deaf group in singing during Youth Night session in Coliseum.

Notable Quotes

Dr. H. Franklin Paschall

It is our task to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to this exploding world.

The Gospel must be preached now. We cannot wait until social action has reformed the world before we preach the good news.

The population explosion brings into focus, hunger, poverty and crime, but the Gospel has a word to these people — "Everybody is somebody and you have a destiny."

"The knowledge explosion has fragmented and frustrated man. We have learned to walk safely in space but we have not learned to walk safely on our streets."

"The greatest need of man is not a new automobile but a reason for this existence."

"The United States and the Soviet Union each has enough bombs to destroy the world."

The only hope of the world is that those who control them will have the character not to use them.

"If the Gospel of the Lord Jesus cannot get this job done, then it cannot be done."

Rev. Leroy Smith

Christianity is a new life from God.

Our minds are beggared as we think of the suffering among America's maddened mobs, of Russia's disillusioned masses, of China's war-raped millions, of Vietnam's dying multitudes, of Africa's needy hosts and of South America's blinded people.

Let me remind you that the Ten Commandments are not true because they are in the Bible. They are in the Bible because they are true.

I believe God holds us responsible for evangelizing the whole world during our generation. Every generation has the responsibility of winning that generation to Christ.

Yet with all of our modern methods, beautiful buildings, increased church staff and trained preachers we are losing ground.

Dr. Leslie Wright

What happens to American education will eventually happen to America.

Today, our Baptist schools face extremely serious problems. Increased enrollments, coupled with inflationary costs, have burdened the colleges with almost insurmountable difficulties.

Some point to the Federal Government as the answer to all our problems. Others, familiar with Baptist history and doctrine, raise a warning voice.

"Religious experience does not restrict one's mental vision, but on the contrary, it endows one with the most comprehensive insight into all truth."

"The two remedies adopted by the leaders of Christianity to restore religious faith in the eighteenth century were: first, the teaching of Christianity in all colleges, academies and even many high schools. Second, the churches engaged in evangelism."

Dr. David Q. Byrd, Jr.

Convulsive and cataclysmic changes are taking place almost everywhere, and especially in our own land.

The black night of moral decay is upon us. The self-righteous, sophisticated members of the Avant Garde have decreed that sex is no longer sacred and that with the New Morality anything goes.

While our finest youth are being sacrificed upon the altar of war, the hippies are hopelessly hopping and the beeny-boppers are foolishly bopping; some so-called pseudo intellectual maverick theologians are running through the streets of the secular city saying loudly "God is Dead."

Ours is a time of despair. Many are hopeless and see no future.

Stand up, brothers, stand up — tell them you have been with God and that you have a message for them.



Rev. Tom F. Rayburn

1st, Booneville Calls Pastor

Rev. Tom F. Rayburn has been called as pastor of First Church, Booneville, moving from Second Avenue Church, Laurel, where he served as pastor for the past 6½ years.

Before going to Second Avenue, he served as assistant pastor at Calvary Church, in Jackson.

Mr. Rayburn is a native of Meridian and attended Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree.

The Rayburns began their service with First Church, Booneville, Sunday, November 19.

dale; Van Hardin, Moss Point; Bruce Aultman, Hattiesburg; James T. Thompson, Moss Point; Curtis Beard, Jackson.

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Frank W. Gunn, Forest; J. J. Newman, Vicksburg; Joe Tuten, Jackson; John B. Daley, Marks; T. E. Ross, Hattiesburg.

Term Expires 1970

Claude Wilkes, Winona; R. B. Thomas, Hattiesburg; C. M. Wells, Canton; Glen Pearson, Hattiesburg; William G. Tanner, Gulfport.

S. S. TEACHER 60 YEARS

Mrs. Mathews Dies In Gulfport

Mrs. Ruby Thornton Mathews, 86, Gulfport, widow of J. H. Mathews, and long prominent in the activities of the First Church, Gulfport, which was organized in her parents' home in 1806, died Friday, Nov. 10, at Memorial Hospital, Gulfport.

Mrs. Mathews, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Thornton and born July 21, 1881, in Conehatta, Miss., moved to the Coast as a child with her parents.

The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12, in First Baptist Church with Dr. W. G. Tanner, pastor, and Rev. Charles Brock, pastor of Grace Memorial Church, officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Mathews, a resident of 1810 20th Ave., moved away from the Coast for a while, returning in 1915. She was a graduate of Beeson College in Meridian.

Active in the work of the Baptist Church and other religious and civic groups in Gulfport, Mrs. Mathews retired in 1935 as a Sunday

school teacher in the church, having served 60 years.

She was honored upon her retirement as a teacher of the Phebean Bible Class which she had taught since 1938. The class was organized in 1931 with 15 members on roll and was called the Young Business Women's Sunday School Class. It was taught from 1931 to 1935 by Mrs. B. Locke Davis, wife of the pastor at that time. Mrs. Mathews began teaching the class in 1938 had dropped to one, but with a prospect list of 25. With work and visitation the class grew to 25, then 58, and has since been divided four times.

Mrs. Mathews served as president of the Woman's Missionary Union from 1928-1938 and as district chairman of the WMU. She was organizer of the RAS, and helped to organize the first Federation of Church Women. She was the oldest resident member of the church.

Mrs. Mathews is survived by two daughters, Miss Sarah Mathews and Mrs. Clyde Hamilton, Gulfport; one son, John W. Mathews, Baton Rouge; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Old Baptist Record Found

The oldest known copy of the Baptist Record, the issue of September 27, 1877, was discovered last Spring during the razing of an old residence in Brookhaven and is now in possession of the Baptist Record editor.

The paper was issue No. 35 of the first year of publication. It was edited by Rev. J. B. Gambrell, pastor at that time of the Clinton Baptist Church, and later to become one of Southern Baptists' most illustrious leaders. The "Proprietor" was Professor M. T. Martin of Mississippi College.

This particular issue of the paper contains one of Editor Gambrell's inimitable editorials for which he became famous, and part of a debate between him and the editor of the Religious Herald of Virginia. It has reports from numerous associations in the state, and from Baptist work in some other states. There is a story about the death of Brigham Young and the beginning of Mormonism, a reprint of part of a letter from Missionary Lottie Moon in China, and numerous other interesting articles.

One unusual feature is a "Farm Department" which has articles on Sheep, Cabbage and Turkeys.

The advertisements are most interesting. Blue Mountain Female College is advertised as "A Country School, Cheap but Thorough," and Mississippi College advertises room and board for \$10.00 per month. Mississippi College reports 164 students, "the largest school for young men and boys in the state."

Other advertisements offer organs, publications, buggies, wagons and harness, sewing machines, seed, jewelry, "dental rooms," general merchandise, etc.

A special reproduction of this oldest Baptist Record was printed as a souvenir of the 90th anniversary report of the Baptist Record, and distributed to messengers at the recent convention.

Copies of the reprint are still available to readers who would like to have them. They are free if you come by the office to pick them up, or 10c per copy to cover postage and mailing to those who write for them. Send for your copy today.

Home Missions Pioneer Solomon F. Dowis Dies

ATLANTA (BP) — Solomon F. Dowis, 76, a missionary who pioneered many of the current Southern Baptist Home Mission Board programs, died here Nov. 5 of a massive coronary.

Dowis, who retired in 1958 after 14 years as secretary of the cooperative missions department, still was active in missions as writer and promoter of the Home Mission Board's correspondence Bible course, in which more than 35,000 are enrolled.

"The Bible course, more than anything else to me, represents the contribution of Dowis' work," said C. E. Autrey, director of the board's division of evangelism.

"We're just now reaping the results of his labors. During the last year we had, by very conservative estimate, about 15,000 conversions as a result of the Bible study literature Dowis wrote," Autrey said.

Dowis was the first city missions superintendent (Atlanta) of the Home Mission Board. Later, at his direction, the cooperative missions department launched western missions, a rural church program, missions in Russia and juvenile delinquency work.

Student Dialogues-

(Continued from Page 2)

Have Stereotyped View

Falwell said most students seemed to have a stereotyped view of Southern Baptists as people who didn't know what the real issues were. He said some were frustrated because they couldn't receive answers from an authoritative viewpoint.

"They would ask when the convention was going to change its 'position' on ecumenism and fraternities. But they didn't understand the nature of the convention," Falwell added. He said they didn't seem to know that the convention is for service to the churches and is not an authoritarian group.

Some were critical of the lack of youth in the programming organizations of the convention, and wanted selected students to be placed in convention planning groups.

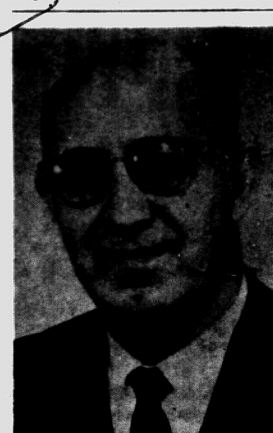
Falwell said there was general praise for the dialogue approach, both from Baptist students and those of other denominations.

"Some students from other faiths were surprised that denominational leaders would submit their programs to criticism from students," he said.

Arusha Seminary Enrolls 70

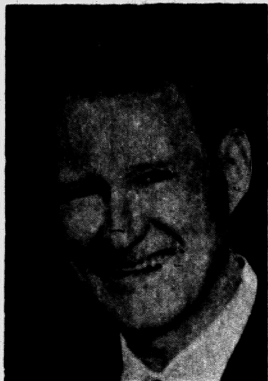
The Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa, in Arusha, Tanzania, began the school year with a record enrollment of nearly 70 students, 41 of them men and the rest wives.

New buildings in use this year are the library and the women's building, which contains a clinic, nursery, and domestic science rooms. "This completes the master plan for the campus, with the exception of more faculty housing," says Rev. James E. Hampton, Southern Baptist missionary.



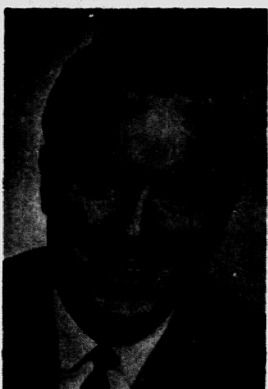
JOHN P. BAKER, director of missions and stewardship for the Colorado Baptist General Convention, has been named the first executive secretary of the newly established Northern Plains Baptist Convention with offices in Rapid City, S. D. He assumes the position as executive of the 36th Baptist state convention in the

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FROM SWITZERLAND to William Carey College, came lovely Cheryl Watts this fall as a freshman. She is the daughter of Dr. John Watts, president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikou, Switzerland. Cheryl joins 840 other Carey students in inviting high school seniors and juniors to Prospective Student Day on December 2. Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude with the Homecoming basketball game at 8:00 p.m. A full day's program, designed to both inform and entertain, has been planned for all prospective student visitors. Reservations should be made with the Director of Public Relations, Carey College.

EAST McCOMB PASTOR DIES

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 14, for one of McComb's most widely known and respected ministers.

Rev. Tillis D. Sumrall, 71, for almost 15 years pastor of East McComb Church, died November 13, in McComb City Hospital following an apparent coronary attack suffered Saturday, Nov. 11.

Members of his family said Mr. Sumrall was stricken while he was working in his yard at 127 South Cherry.

East McComb Church underwent extensive growth in its physical facilities during the Mr. Sumrall's tenure as pastor.

Land valued at \$30,000 or more was acquired over the past 15 years, and a \$224,000 sanctuary was built. The church is currently planning to construct an educational building, at a cost possibly in excess of \$150,000.

Mr. Sumrall would have observed his 15th anniversary at the church the second Sunday in January.

He was a native of Jones County, one of five brothers—four of whom became ministers. Two of the brothers, Rev. Roy Sumrall of New Braunfels, Tex., and Rev. D. D. Sumrall, retired, of Dallas, Tex., survive. Another brother died about a month ago.

Rev. T. D. Sumrall

He served as president of the Pike County Ministerial Association.

A member of the armed forces during World War I, he served in France for a lengthy period.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Juanita Winsett Sumrall; one son, Rev. Tom D. Sumrall, pastor of the Magnolia Street Baptist Church in Laurel; one daughter, Mrs. Sue S. Pine, McComb, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from East McComb Baptist Church.

Rev. B. T. Bishop officiated.

Names In The News

Donald Winters, chairman of the Department of Music, will represent William Carey College at the forty-third annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music. The general sessions this year will be held at the Palmer House in Chicago on November 24 and 25. Some three hundred schools, members of the National Association of Schools of Music, will be represented at the conference.

Rev. and Mrs. Oren C. Robinson, Jr., missionaries to Nigeria, have resumed their work in Benin City (address: Baptist Mission, Box 48, Benin City, Nigeria, West Africa). Born in Okmulgee, Okla., he lived in several towns while growing up; she, the former Martha Boaz, was born in Murray, Ky., and grew up in Graves County, Kentucky. He taught in Mississippi Woman's College (now William Carey College), Hattiesburg, prior to their missionary appointment in 1952.

Dr. W. Lowrey Cooper, missionary on furlough from Argentina, is teaching in Blue Mountain (Miss.) College. He and Mrs. Cooper may be addressed at the college. Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Itta Bena and she, the former Katherine Tomlinson, of Ludlow (both lived in several places while growing up). Prior to their missionary appointment in 1939 he was pastor of Southside (now Cloverdale) Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Rita Duke, missionary, has resumed student evangelistic work in Taiwan, following furlough in the States. She may be addressed at P. O. Box 427, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China. An Alabamian, she was born in Birmingham, but grew up in Gadsden. Before missionary appointment in 1962 she was Baptist student director at Blue Mountain College.

Two Mississippians were among the eight writers who were invited, and who attended, the recent Writers' Conference at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee: Claude D. Anthony, Minister of Education and Administration, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; and Mrs. W. H. Ross, wife of the pastor of First Church, Morton.

WEST DREW CALLS PASTOR

West Drew Church, Drew, has called Rev. W. A. Troutman as pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Troutman are moving to Drew from Sebastopol Church, Sebastopol, and will assume their new duties on December 3.

He has been pastor at Sebastopol for almost seven years.

W. B. Glass, 93, Dies In Richmond

Dr. Wiley B. Glass, 93, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to China, died November 14 in Richmond, Va., after a long illness.

He was the father of Mrs. Baker J. Cauthen, wife of the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. He moved to Richmond from Fort Worth, Tex., in 1964.

Another daughter, Miss Lois Glass is a missionary to Taiwan.

A funeral service was held at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 16, in the chapel of Foreign Mission Board headquarters, 3808 Monument Avenue, Richmond. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Church, where the Cauthens hold membership, and Dr. Cauthen conducted the service. Then the body was taken to Fort Worth, where a service was held in Gambrell Street Baptist Church at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17. Burial was in Laurel Land cemetery, Fort Worth, beside Mrs. Glass, who died in 1962.

REVIVAL RESULTS

New Hope, Leakesville: November 12 - 16; Rev. Moody Adams, Baton Rouge, La., evangelist; Rev. Dan Jones, pastor; 43 decisions; 16 professions of faith; two additions by letter; 25 rededications.

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THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM— God's Purpose In Discipline Worship Through Obedience

By Clifton J. Allen
Hosea 2-3

We turn back to chapters 2 and 3 of Hosea to consider a central truth in the message of the prophet: God disciplines his children with a view to their restoration and fidelity. The truth is illustrated by the tragic experience of Hosea's faithless wife. She reaped the consequences of her infidelity and iniquity. Even so, with steadfast love Hosea took Gomer back into his home to try through the power of his devotion to effect restoration. Likewise, Jehovah dealt with Israel with severity of judgment and the discipline of love to draw his people back to himself in faith and devotion.

The Lesson Explained Wrath and Mercy 2:13-14

Verse 13 must be seen in the light of the preceding twelve verses. Faithless Israel was warned of the reality and severity of God's just punishment. God pleaded with Israel to recognize her guilt and to put away her whoredoms—that is, turn from her ways of wickedness. Jehovah's warning was that Israel would be stripped and exposed in shame because she had done shamefully. The land would be dried up and impoverished, bearing no fruit and without joy.

But in wrath, God remembered mercy. Hosea pictures God as resolved to woo his wayward people back from impurity, disobedience, and unbelief. God would call the nation apart into the wilderness and speak tenderly of his mercy and love. The prophet goes on to say that the nation's ordeal of suffering would open a door of hope. Joy would replace mourning, and the people would declare the renewal of their devotion to the Lord.

Righteousness And Reconciliation 2:18-23

Hosea declares God's confidence in the recovery of faithless Israel. When the people have repented, even the beasts of the field and the fowls of heaven and the creeping things of earth will share the blessing and harmony of the renewal of the people in a right relationship with God. This is a poetic figure to emphasize the blessedness of a nation whose people fear the Lord. God declared that he would receive his people back in a new betrothal, so that they would be bound to him in a relationship of righteousness, justice, loving-kindness, mercy, and faithfulness. God will make his people like a fruitful field. He will have mercy upon the people so deserving of judgment. And he

will claim again as his people those who have forsaken him. Reconciliation will be complete, and Israel will say, "Thou art my God."

Discipline And Restoration 3:4-5

This brief chapter records Hosea's experience. His love for Gomer never failed. She sank to the lowest level of pitiless disgrace. Hosea bought her as a prostitute slave and took her back home—not at once as his wife, but to be in seclusion that through kindness and discipline she might be brought to length to repentance, full forgiveness, and restoration. This pointed to God's dealings with Israel. Exile would come. Israel would be taken captive by Assyria. Then Israel would be stripped of her status as a nation—no king or prince. She would be deprived of the instruments of religion. Thus Jehovah would bring judgment upon his people with a view to purging their hearts and renewing their devotion. The time would come when Israel would seek the Lord their God. Hosea's prediction pointed to the Messiah, and the turning of men to God in Christ.

Truths to Live By
God's chastening is meant to produce the fruits of faith and righteousness. — If Christians are guilty of disobedience, they can surely expect punishment and correction. But in God's wisdom and as the expression of his love there will be chastening of Christians altogether apart from any wrongdoing. This is for the sake of their growing in faith and love.

The loving-kindness of God should draw us to him in faithful love. Let us be quick to remember that his mercy is not conditioned upon any merit of ours. Indeed, the amazing love of God should always impress upon us the measure of our unworthiness and the reality of our waywardness. The recognition of God's love ought to awaken in us true penitence for our distrust and disobedience and stimulate in us unbounding gratitude for his mercy toward us.

We can have hope in the grace of God. — God is, indeed, the God of grace. The riches of grace are offered to men in Jesus Christ. The grace of God is greater than the sins of men.

Crooked Creek To Dedicate New Building

On Sunday, November 26, Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County, will have homecoming and dedication for the new building that has just been erected. Regular services will be held with dinner following, and special singing immediately after the meal. The pastor is Rev. E. C. Smith.

By Bill Duncan
Acts 2:32-41; Romans 6:3-11

Upon your profession of faith and in obedience to Him, we baptize you in the name of the . . . is the familiar declaration given by the pastor before he baptizes the candidates. This speaks of the purpose of the ordinance that has characterized this part of our worship service through the years. A person cannot be truly baptized until he has accepted Christ as Lord.

There are many lessons to be learned about baptism that are scriptural and worshipful.

The authority for baptism is in the church, not some person or position. The scriptural mode of baptism is immersion, for this is what the word baptize means. This ordinance needs to be observed in the context of corporate worship for the benefit of the candidates and the church.

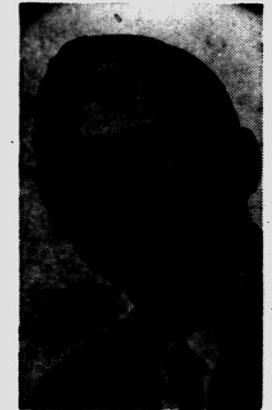
Many times I have heard someone say to me after being baptized, "I feel so much better." What they meant was, I feel as if I have obeyed Christ fully. They do feel good because they have worshiped through obedience.

The Beginning Of Obedience Acts 2:32-41

The beginning of obedience is repentance toward God for salvation. When the Gospel is preached with love and conviction, the hearts of men are



B. B. STRINGER, son of Mrs. Carrie Hammond, was awarded his 12-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday school. He is a member of New Hope Church, Route 2, Foxworth. Paul Powell, Sunday School Sup't. Rev. Guy Futral is pastor.



Rev. Paul Roaten

Temple Heights Calls Pastor

Rev. Paul E. Roaten has resigned as minister of youth and assistant pastor of First Church, Brookhaven, to accept the call as pastor of Temple Heights Church, Oxford.

Born in Tupelo, Mr. Roaten graduated from Houka High School. Having also attended Itawamba Junior College, Union University, and University of Mississippi, he graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1961. At New Orleans Seminary he received the B.D. degree and studied toward an M.R.E. degree.

He was formerly pastor of Mt. Olive and Pine Grove Churches in Tippah County, and of Vieux Carre Church, New Orleans.

Mrs. Roaten is the former Betty Marbury of Brownsville, Tenn. They have two children, Lois Ann, 2, and David Paul, six months.

pricked. The response of the people in Acts 2 caused Peter to call for repentance. What does repentance mean? Barclay says that repentance originally meant afterthought or second thought. Often a second thought shows that a first thought is wrong; so the word came to mean change of mind. If a man's honest, a change of mind demands a change of action. True repentance involves a change of mind and a change of action.

True repentance will cause two things to happen, according to this passage. (1) There will be the remission of sin. God is willing to forgive the sins that are before repentance. Forgiveness does not abolish the consequences of what we have done, but it does put us right with God. (2) When repentance comes to the heart, there comes the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift enables us through the power of God to resist the things which had caused us to sin before we repented. By the Holy Spirit, we are equipped to face life in the future.

The only ground for baptism is repentance and faith in Jesus. Because a person has repented and is averted, he is ready to be baptized. The ordinance is the symbol of the beginning of the new life.

Symbol of Obedience Romans 6:3-4

The ordinance of baptism is a beautiful symbol for all to observe. The symbolism of baptism demands that the subjects be believers. From Romans 6:4-5, we see that baptism requires a burial in water and a raising up out of the water. Baptism symbolizes three truths: the burial and resurrection of Christ, the believer's death to sin and resurrection to a new life in Christ, and the resurrection of our bodies when Jesus comes.

Baptism is a symbol of obedience and an essential part of obedience. However, it is not essential to salvation. Baptism is the picture of the washing away of sin, but not the actual washing away of sin. A person is saved by grace and not by works, and baptism could be taken to an act of works. For one reads that it is important that one give evidence of salvation by witness and testimony, and baptism does that. To follow Christ fully means to follow Him through the baptismal water as He did.

The act of baptism is more than a mere symbol. For when one is truly baptized, this act will become a confession and a commitment to make the Christian life true to Christian baptism. This is the essential part of baptism.

Life of Obedience Romans 6:5-11

Baptism is meant to declare spiritual union with Christ. The new kind of life is the result of the justification by faith and develops through sanctification. The strongest emphasis of the Christian life is death to sin and resurrection to newness of life. If regeneration is real, the Christian has in his inner being the living Christ. All of this is part of the reality of union with Christ which ought to issue forth in Christlike living.

The Christian has experienced the benefits of His death which made possible redemption from sin, and now he enjoys the benefits of His resurrection in that he has the power of the living Christ to affect sanctification in his life.

The fellowship of this union with Christ is possible only through obedience. Therefore, when one disobeys, he destroys the fellowship and the union is marred. We need to see that salvation is just the beginning of obedience and should be accepted as the beginning of doing His will.

In the Christian life, we need to see that obedience is a prerequisite to the worship of God. The Old Testament prophet said that it is better to obey than sacrifice. If our hearts can be characterized by obedience, then our knees can be bent in worship.

The continual life of obedience from repentance is striving to worship God through every effective call to obey. Our manner of life—words, deeds, attitudes, beliefs—is to show the reality of our relation to Christ.

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redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Col. 4:5b,6.

Time is the most important factor in the life of man, for "time is the mark of immortality, and man, in tragic folly uses it as if a day or a year were but a trifle from an exhaustible store. He views the bright prospect of tomorrow while he wastes today, and he never knows that the moment passed is a jewel fallen into the sea of the infinite, and gone forever."

Time to the child is the lazy tock-tock of the weary old clock, stripped of meaning or urgency of mission.

Time to youth is that slow dragging essence of being un-hurried in its journey through existence, incapable of producing rapidly enough the dreams and thrills so passionately desired.

Time for the adult is that crowded period hurdling through days too swiftly to become familiar with each facet of life, and robbing one of treasured glimpses into the sterling of living.

Time for the aged is tomorrow become yesterday so speedily as to leave one drained of desire, dream, or fantasy, but with memory lingering, fragrant as the rose, and the assurance of having become a part of the accumulated treasure of the universe.

Man's threat has never hurried time, nor his curses slowed her pace, for still with marked cadence she adds a thread of gold or silver, of black despair or lingering home. Time offers the transparent crystal of divine love made real in man's redemption, for time is that disturbing shadow reflected on the great mirror of space awaiting man's quest for God.

Time is man's laboratory, in which he devises formulas for eternity: the test tube in which he measures the distilled essence of love or hate. In it he views that moment of self-consciousness, and is awakened to divine origin and mission. For man, time is God's canvas and palette of unmixed colors, awaiting the human stroke of genius in designs of light and shadow.

Time is never static, but man without God is wearied through self-content, and the frictions of life turn out desire and vision, leaving him a part of the accumulated mass of partially developed energy to be tossed onto the scrap heap of history. With God, all of time, youth or age, is kissed by the breath of divine love into abundant living. As Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly."

NEW GEORGIA BLUE LAW IS RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

ATLANTA (BP)—Georgia's newest Sunday closing law, pushed by Gov. Lester Maddox and adopted by the legislature in January, has been declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court.

The court said the new law was "patently discriminatory" in that it allowed some stores selling non-essentials such as furniture to remain open on Sunday, but forced others which majored in such sales to close on Sabbath.

The decision leaves Georgia with only one Sunday closing law, a 1933 statute which prohibits all Sunday sales except in cases of necessity or charity.

Several legal experts have described the 1933 law as "shaky" and "unenforceable."

New Liberty Continues Church Development

New Liberty Church (Tishomingo Assn.) has voted to enter the Church Development Ministry for the second year. Rev. Jimmy Bryant, pastor, has announced. During the year the church will be evaluating, planning, and conducting special projects to improve and expand its organization and ministry.

The church elected a Development Planning Committee to lead it in the year of development. The group is composed of Earl Alred, Luther Roy Adams, Bobby Kennedy, Dianne White, Mrs. Paul Cummings, Mrs. Luther Roy Adams, and the pastor, Rev. Jimmy Bryant.

Also a Record of Progress Committee was elected to keep the Record of Progress Book, to compile information on the projects and handle the publicity. That committee is composed of Mrs. Jimmy Bryant, Mrs. Nelda Parker, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, and Wayne Thorne.

Magnolia St. Calls Pastor

Tom D. Sumrall, Jr., pastor for the past seven years of Trinity Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has accepted the pastorate of the Magnolia Street Church, Laurel. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Sumrall of McComb.

A native of Amarillo, Texas, he is a graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary. He has served as a member of the State Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, being Chairman of the state Evangelism Committee and state Mission Committee. He also has been active in Central Baptist Association, having served as Vice-Moderator and on various committees. He served two terms as President of the Albuquerque Baptist Pastor's Alliance. He has appeared on New Mexico State Convention programs and Evangelistic Conferences.

In 1964, he conducted a preaching tour of Canada, preaching in Edmonton, Alberta, and surrounding areas. In February of this year, he represented New Mexico in the Young People's Division of the Sunday School in a Special Worker's Institute in Sacramento, California.

He is married to the former Jane Nickey of McComb. She is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico. They have one son, Thomas Eric, 14 months old.



Rev. T. D. Sumrall, Jr.

Off The Record

DAD: Didn't I hear the clock strike three when you got in last night?

DAUGHTER: Yes, Daddy. It was going to strike twelve, but I stopped it so it wouldn't waken you.

What is the difference between a mule and a postage stamp?

One, you lick with a stick, and the other you stick with a lick.

BRIGHT: Why does a duck always look so worried?

DIM: I don't know.

BRIGHT: Because he has a bill staring him in the face.

A small boy explained to the teacher why he didn't mind wearing glasses: "They keep boys from fighting me and the girls from kissing me."



McLaurin (Lebanon) Breaks Ground

Sunday, October 22, members of McLaurin Church gathered at the new church site for ground-breaking services. Dr. Joel Ray, Lebanon associational missionary, was guest speaker. Church officers pictured along with members, left to right, are: Kneeling, Dr. Ray; Earl Howard, member of building committee (with shovel); A. R. Dunkley, senior deacon (with shovel); Carl Boggs, chairman of building committee; Rev. A. T. Walker, pastor (with shovel); Mrs. Helen Fillingane, president of WMU (with shovel); and Mrs. W. D. Grantham, oldest member present.



CLARKE Y. W. A. INSTALLS — From left, Mrs. W. L. Compere, counselor; Dianne Jones, Mary Skinner, Greta Nicastro, Phyllis Brownlee, Mamie West, Kathy Simmons, Marilyn Richards, Judy Lewis, Vivian Powell, Sandra Helms, Linda Weems, Phyllis Edmonds, Evelyn Brunson, Jane Watkins, Bonita Lewis, Kay Lowe, Paula Thompson, Jane Bonner, Sue Jones, Bobbie Coley. Front: Brenda Harrison, Sue Moore, Doris Crowley, Ann Hasseltine YWA of Clarke College conducted an installation service for their new officers; Mrs. W. L. Compere gave the charge. Others were inducted into office as follows: Bobbie Coley, mission study chairman; Sue Jones, prayer chairman; Miss Brunson, stewardship chairman; Misses West and Simmons, mission action; Misses Bonita Lewis, Watkins, Richards, program; Misses Thompson, Tina Headrick (not pictured), Edmonds, music; Misses Judi Lewis, Garner, Trudy Fowler (not pictured), publicity; Misses Bonner and Skinner, publications; and as circle chairmen — Misses Brownlee, Harrison, Nicastro, Crowley, Lowe, Moore and Jones.



THIRTY MINISTERIAL STUDENTS are enrolled at Blue Mountain College for the first semester. These young men, all converts, hold membership in the College Ministerial Club. Dr. James L. Travis, and Dr. W. L. Cooper, Professors of Bible at Blue Mountain, and Rev. Bill R. Peacock, pastor of Lowery Memorial Church, serve as advisers and counselors for the club. Front row, 1 to 7: Ray Ware, Pontotoc; Ray Bryant, Taylor; Larry Hill, New Albany; Dr. James L. Travis; Rex Vancey, Ripley; Leroy Masey, New Albany; Paul Lee, Pontotoc; David Greer, Ripley; and David Turner, Blue Mountain. Second row, 1 to 7: Johnny Parks, New Albany; Danny Prater, Algoma; Lyndie Davis, Ripley; Bill Mason, Ripley; John Fisk, Tupelo; and Dr. William Lowery Cooper. Third row, 1 to 7: Billy Dunnahoo, New Albany; Milton Koon, Myrtle; Bill Dowdy, Pontotoc; and Robert Alexander, Vardaman. Fourth row, 1 to 7: Jody Derrick, Hickory Flat; William West, Scooby; James West, Hickory Flat; Bobby Holland, Tupelo; Theron Wright, New Albany; and Rev. Bill R. Peacock.

Revival Dates

West Salem (Green County): November 23 - 26; Rev. John Ira Hill, evangelist; Rev. Bill Raley, pastor; services nightly at 7.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Columbus: Nov. 26 - Dec. 1; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Estes Pirkle, pastor of Locust Grove Church, New Albany, evangelist; Vance Parks, Gulf Shores, Alabama, music director; Rev. Elvis Gregory, pastor.

Faith Church Dedicates Building

Faith Baptist Church of Leake County Association dedicated its new building in services held October 22. The building is located on the Walnut Grove Road, about halfway between Lena and Walnut Grove. Rev. Wesley Higginbotham, a student at Clarke College, is pastor.

The church, members of which were formerly in the Union Ridge Church, voted about six months ago to start a building fund and erect a new building.

According to one of the deacons, J. A. Turner, the story of Faith Church "reads like

a story book." He said that the name was decided upon because they felt that they had to go forward simply on their faith in God. "That is when miracles began to happen," he said. "Members gave household articles to be sold. Neighbors from other church fields gave everything from money to pigs. Many from other states assisted. One little girl gave all she had, which was one cent. A man gave \$800.00. A boy sold his bicycle and gave the money."

The building is not finished, and there are many more needs but the members believe that as they do their best, God will supply. One of the present needs, according to Mr. Turner, is used pews. Any church which has unneeded pews is asked to write Mrs. Boyle Watkins, R. 1, Lena, Miss. She is clerk of the church.

The first Vacation Bible School to be held in our state was at First Church, Corinth in 1921.

Mississippi's first school of higher learning was at Judson Institute, four miles south of Raymond in 1836.



LINDA DELL GUYSE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Guyse of Hickory, has received the eleven-year pin in Sunday school at Hickory Church, Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor. She is a student at Clarke College.



AT MOAK'S CREEK CHURCH, Sunday school perfect attendance pins were awarded to the following: First row, 1 to 7: Clayton Hodges, 6 year pin; Mitchell Hall, 5 year; Second row, 1 to 7: J. H. Green, 13 year; Paulette Johnson, 3 year; Shelia Hall, 6 year; Pamela Walters, 3 year; Gary Hall, 1 year. Third row, 1 to 7: Willie Hodges, 3 year; Robbie Hodges, 7 year; Rodney Hodges, 7 year; Tommy Smith, 4 year; Johnny Ray Hall, 4 year; Kevin Hodges, 7 year. Fourth row, 1 to 7: Joe Brumfield, Sunday school supt.; Mrs. Louise Hodges, 4 year; Mrs. Neal Hall, 2 year; Mrs. Jimmie T. Smith, 1 year; Melvin Walters, 3 year; Kenneth Hall, 5 year; Bruce Hodges, 9 year; Rev. Jimmie T. Smith, pastor.



SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY—Rev. Jasper Collins and his family (pictured above) were honored on Sunday, November 12, by the Magnolia Park Church, Jackson. The occasion was Mr. Collins' seventh anniversary as pastor of that church. The Sunday school classes surprised him with the gift of a new carpet for his study.



THREE YOUNG MEN were licensed to the gospel ministry by Goodyear Church, Picayune, on a recent Sunday. Left to right: John Miller, Bryant Miller (brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Miller), and Lynn Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lewis, all of Picayune. In the last nine months, five young men have been licensed to preach by the Goodyear Church, according to Pastor Arlis F. Grice.



MOSELLE MEMORIAL Sunday school members recently awarded perfect attendance pins are shown above. Receiving five-year pins were Vinnie Logan, Jeannie Logan, Troy Robinson, Faye Robinson, Mickey Robinson, Larry Robinson, Joe Robinson, Sherry Robinson, and Delilah Robinson. Miss Annie Mae Sellers received a nine-year pin, and the following received ten-year pins: Dan Mooney, Jr., Gladys Mooney, Bill Mooney, Peggy Mooney, Don Mooney, Connley Hodge, and Gregg Hodge. Others in the group received first, second, and third-year pins. Rev. Arlie Spalding is pastor.



OAK GROVE CHURCH, Prentiss, has awarded perfect attendance pins to: first row, Rodney Rogers, three years; Nancy Rogers, four years; Frankie Creel, two years; second row, Joyce Rogers, twelve years; Rose McPhail, nine years; Ricky Smith, two years; Brenda Mobley, one year; third row, Dyanne Creel, five years; Harold Barnes, nine years; and Kathryn Rogers, twelve years. Not pictured, Angela Smith, two years, and Elaine Rogers, twelve years. Rev. W. Frank Lay is pastor.



ANNUALLY, PRESIDENT AND MRS. E. HAROLD FISHER of Blue Mountain College honor newly appointed members of the faculty and staff with a reception. Honorees of this year's fall reception are, left to right: Miss Carolyn Stone, Assistant Professor of Art; Miss Mary Thrash, Assistant Professor of Languages; Miss Mari Hubbard, Instructor in Physical Education and Health; Dr. Ann McMillan, Associate Professor of Education and Director of Student Personnel; Dr. E. L. Hammond, Professor of Chemistry; and Charles Matthews, Assistant Professor of Speech. Each of honorees hold degrees from outstanding Colleges and Universities of the nation.